

VI.—SHORTER NOTICES.

- I. ANNUAL ADDRESS BEFORE THE SOCIETY OF THE ALUMNI OF THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA. By Cornelius G. Comegys, M.D., Lecturer on Clinical Medicine in the Cincinnati Hospital, etc.; with the Proceedings of the Alumni Meeting of 1875. Philadelphia: 1875, 79 pp.
- II. CEREBRO-SPINAL MENINGITIS. Report to the State Board of Health upon an Epidemic in Monroe and Lenawee Counties, Michigan, and a study of some other facts relative to the cause of the disease. By Henry B. Baker, M.D., Secretary of the Board, etc. Reprinted from the Second Annual Report of the State Board of Health of the State of Michigan, for the year ending September 30, 1874. 8vo., 76 pp.
- III. THE POLAR ACTION OF ELECTRICITY IN PHYSIOLOGY. By John J. Mason, M.D. New York (Reprinted from the *New York Medical Journal*, December, 1874). 15 pp.
- IV. MEDICAL ADDRESSES. By Benjamin Eddy Cotting, A.M., M.D., Harv. Boston: 1875, David Clapp & Son. 123 pp., 8vo.
- V. CIRCULAR No. 8. War Department, Surgeon-General's office, Washington, May 1, 1875. A Report on the Hygiene of the United States Army, with Descriptions of Military Posts.
- VI. REST IN THE TREATMENT OF NERVOUS DISEASE. By S. Weir Mitchell, M.D. Being No. IV. of the Series of Clinical Lectures edited by Dr. E. C. Seguin, and published by G. P. Putnam & Sons, New York. 19 pages.
- VII. MEDICAL CHART OF TEMPERATURE, PULSE, RESPIRATION, AND REGIONS. Cincinnati Case Record Co., publishers, 224 Laurel Street, Cincinnati, O.

I. This very readable address of Dr. Comegys' contains, besides other suggestive matters, certain observations which fall properly under our notice. In speaking of that aspect of medicine, the object of which is to *prevent* rather than *cure* disease, he says: "I feel constrained to speak on another range of human action, upon which depends so much of the happiness and prosperity of the social and political state, but for the regulation of which we cannot suggest any statutory provision. We are, however, under the gravest responsibility, from our professional knowledge, to point to its possibilities for the production of great

If Dr. Seguin succeeds in procuring lectures as good in other departments of medicine as this of Dr. Mitchell's is in the one in which he labors, he will confer a benefit on the profession in issuing them.

VII. In our last number we noticed the Cincinnati Case Record Company's convenient pocket and office case records. We have received from the same parties a very useful form of medical charts, giving very convenient tabular forms for recording the temperature, pulse, and respiration, together with a history and diary of the case. We have nothing but approval for every device of this kind which may help to preserve accurate and thorough notes of cases, and serve, in this way, to collect and render permanent the experience of the physician.
